Conversion of Tirupati-Pakala Railway line

2017. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to convert the Tirupati-Pakala Meter Gauge railway line to Broad Gauge and for formation of parallel Broad Gauge line between Pakala-Katpadi in South Central Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to constraints of resources.

Abolition of a contract system of track works hi the Railways

2018. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY:

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contract system recently introduced in the matter of track works is proposed to be abolished; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Introduction of new train between Faridabad and Delhi

2019. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of daily commuters travelling between Faridabad and Delhi have represented to the Railway authorities for the introduction; of a new train between the two stations in the morning so as to enable them to reach their place of work in time;

(b) whether it is a fact that as a protest against the Railways' inability to accede to their request, trains were recently held up at Faridabad;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not introducing an additional train in the morning hours; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Resource constraints.

(d) It is proposed to introduce a new train between Ballabgarh and New Delhi serving Faridabad also depending upon availability of coaches from the Production Units.

Visit by scouts of Railway Board to earth-quake affected areas

2020. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some groups of Scouts of Railway Board have been permitted to visit the areas affected by earth-quake in Uttarkashi;

(b) whether the affected areas of Uttar-kashi were under the strict control of Indian Army;

(c) whether it is a fact that the group was not allowed to reach the affected areas of Uttarkashi;

(d) what are the details of the respon sibilities assigned to the group;

(e) if the reply to part (c) above be in the affirmative, what are the reasens for sending the group without obtaining

any prior clearance from the concerned - authorities; and

(f) what remedial Steps Government propose to take to prevent recurrence of such situations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MA-LLIKARJUN): (a)to(f) A group of 10 Rovers/Scouts of Railway Board District Association of Bharat Scouts and Guides had participated in relief operation work in Uttarkashi area of U.P. at the call of National Headquarters for Scours and Guides. They had cleared debris of a school building in Meneri village. The school records and furnitures which were burried under debris, were taken out and kept in a separate room. Then they had gone to a nearby Maneri Khas village where they helped the villagers in fixing tents and removing debris from their houses. They had carried out these tasks at the guidance of National Headquarters for Scouts and Guides and had nothing to do with the Indian Army.

Inclusion of representatives of SC/ST and minorities in the Selection Committees

2021. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the instructions of the Central Government of August, 1990 for inclusion of repreSentatipes of SC/ST and Minorities in the Selection Committees/ Boards has been implemented;

(b) if so, what are the details of such bodies and organisations under his Ministry where the instructions have been impleirmnted;

(c) what are the names of the bodi which have not implemented the instru tions so far alongwith the reasons ther for; and

(d) what steps are being taken by G vernment/institutions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI *Mt* LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Instruction to include one membi each from the SC/ST and the minoril communitie's in the Selection Boards/Con mittees constituted for conducting in terview in connection with recruitmer to Group 'C and Group 'D' posts ar being followed in the Zonal Railways Production Units/Railway Reeruitmen Boards etc.

(c) Nil.

(d) Doe's not arise.

World Railways Congress

2022. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any participa tion from India in the World Railway: Congress 1991 held at Washington fron 19th—22nd November;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what is the outcome in the conference; and

(d) what steps are being taken to augment Railways and to implement the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MA-LLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.